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AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Office Action mailed May 24, 2002, the unextended period for response to which is set to expire August 24, 2002. A VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE is attached hereto in which deletions are designated by brackets and insertions of new language are underlined.

In the Claims

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

Cancel claims 8 and 18 without prejudice.

Please substitute amended claims 4, 9, 10, 14 and 19 as provided below for the respective pending claim with the same number.

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a 4. (once amended) A graft according to claim 2 wherein the bioactive agent is covalently attached in the form of a thin, conformal coating on at least an outer surface of the stent cover portion.

a2 85 9. (once amended) A graft according to claim 2 wherein the agent is attached to the cover portion in a manner that provides a) a minimal increase in overall bulk, sufficient to